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"You can't stand there, soldier!"



Present and Past National Leaders Indorse the Paris Conven- tion Pilgrimage

By THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

THE idea of a convention of The American Legion in Paris, the city of its birth, has appealed to me from the time the subject was first discussed. Much good should come from such an event. It is a splendid thing that the men of this nation who served honorably in their country's armed forces during the great war should anticipate with reverence a visit to the final resting places of those thousands upon thousands of comrades who sleep in the great cemeteries in France and Belgium. It is a pilgrimage to a shrine, just as truly as was the march of the crusaders in search of the Holy Grail.

We can see the international good will which will result. The French people assisted us in the war which brought our independence. We helped them to escape domination by a foreign power. The friendly feeling that exists between the American soldier and the French poilu is strong and the reunion of American veterans in France will do much to further good will and strengthen the bands of friendship between peoples of two great republics.

Every eligible ex-service man, who can possibly do so, should at once become a member of The American Legion and thus put himself in position to take part in the greatest peacetime pilgrimage the world has ever seen.

JOHN R. McQUIGG.

By THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT
of The American Legion Auxiliary

THE Convention of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary in Paris in 1927 will be a valuable contribution to international comradeship in time of peace. It will be the most eloquent tribute that could be paid by the Legionnaires to their comrades who lie buried in foreign soil. The members of The American Legion Auxiliary were with the Legionnaires in spirit during the trying days of the World War. In 1927 we shall be proud to be with the Legionnaires side by side as they revisit the battlefields and cemeteries in which their comrades lie.

ELIZA LONDON SHEPARD.

By PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

IT IS highly fitting and appropriate that The American Legion should hold its 1927 convention at Paris, in the land of its birth, and thereby give its members the coveted opportunity and privilege of visiting the cemeteries where their comrades rest, and seeing once more the battlefields where they fought to establish the guiding principles of the Legion.

MILTON J. FOREMAN.

I TAKE this opportunity to send greetings to my fellow Legionnaires and to emphasize the deep significance of the Paris Convention and Pilgrimage by The American Legion to the cemeteries and battlefields of France. Thus

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The Second A. E. F.

By CARL L. BIXBY

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YOU'RE getting too broad at the belt, soldier. And you, gob, are combing your hair due east and west in a vain effort to hide its thinness. The old uniform won't fit. Uniform buttons and their buttonholes are utter strangers—they never meet. The tin hat hangs on the porch full of ferns. Intimate contact with the old hard-boiled days has vanished—but listen, buddy, don't let the years draw a curtain between you and your experiences during the days of reveille, slum, K. P., allotments and all the rest of it. Don't outgrow the memories you wouldn't sell for a million.

Remember the day or night your quivering knees carried you aboard the transport—that modern counterpart of the inquisition dungeon? Oh, yes, the knees quivered. Have you forgotten that? Down below—down, down, down, and still down. “Hey, Bill, ain't this tub got no bottom?” Remember that? Ten decks below! With the head of your bunk at that exact point where you thought a torpedo would most likely strike. Remember when they issued life-belts? You looked at yours dubiously, wondering if you could swim the Atlantic in spite of the darn thing.

Slum—forget it if you can!

Do you remember that heavy feeling at the pit of your stomach when at dawn and nightfall—and sometimes in between—you stood, expectantly, waiting for the crash that follows the contact of the business end of a torpedo with the side of a transport? It was not fun then, but it is great to look back on it now and chuckle at your recollections.

No matter what your individual experience may have been—either on the way over, or over there in the trenches, or in the air or back of the lines with the big guns—you cherish every one of the memories and you have sworn by all that is holy

that some day you'll go back over the same route and travel like a triple-starred general.

If you were shuffled about by fate and dealt to one of the camps on this side and waited for sailing orders until there were no more sailing orders, you have said: "If I live, I'll get over there some day and see all these things the boys tell me about"—or words to that effect.

All right, soldier—sailor, marine, general, admiral or shavetail—your bet has been called! Fall in for the Second A. E. F. Paris or bust! This, time it's strictly up to you.



In September, 1927, ten years after America entered the war, The American Legion will mobilize, embark and advance to the objective—Paris. Thousands upon

thousands of Legionnaires and their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters who are members of The American Legion Auxiliary will make the trip, a pilgrimage without equal in the world's history. The largest peacetime trans-Atlantic movement ever conceived. And less than two years from now.

Here's a chance of a lifetime to re-visit the old scenes; to make the trip like a gentleman; to travel in company with your own buddies; to show your wife, mother or children just how and where you won the war. And all at the most reasonable cost possible.

It is too early for the completion of all the details of the trip, but even now the general plan of operation has been prepared and a businesslike organization is being perfected to bring about this great party-call with smoothness and dispatch.

THE Legion's National Convention at Omaha unanimously approved the project and gave exclusive authority for making all arrangements and handling this colossal movement to the France Convention Travel Committee.

It was recognized that the pilgrimage would be a hopeless jumble if each of the fifty-seven departments of the Legion were to attempt individually, competing with one another, to arrange for ocean transportation and Paris housing accommodations. Competitive bidding for ships and hotels would most certainly boost both steamship and hotel rates. The wisdom of the plan of one central body making arrangements for everybody has already been justi-

fied. The steamship companies have agreed to give extraordinary service at lowest rates possible and the French government has given assurance that living accommodations in Paris hotels, pensions and private homes may be assigned the delegations from all the departments at costs no higher than those ordinarily prevailing.

WHILE the national France Convention Travel Committee is making the plans for the expedition and establishing the machinery by which the movement and care of 15,000 persons or more may be completed without difficulty or confusion, it will have the assistance of France Convention Travel Officers representing each Legion department. The Department Travel Officer will form contacts with all those in his State who expect to make the trip. He will work with the national committee to obtain for the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of his State the allotment of steamship space and hotel accommodations to which his State is entitled. It is expected also that most posts will appoint Post France Convention Travel Officers to work with the Department Travel Officers.

The necessity for close departmental co-operation with the national committee has been evident since the earliest announcements of the proposed Paris convention. The national committee has recognized that there is a real danger that the number of those wishing to make the France convention trip might be so large that it would be a physical impossibility to handle the transportation properly and to provide the right kind of housing in Paris. In theory it would be ideal if everybody who wanted to go could do so, but there is a definite limit to the number which can be adequately cared for. Although the committee hopes to care for everybody, it has considered it necessary to fix quotas of representation for each department, each department's quota to be determined on the basis of 1926 membership standing in relation to membership of preceding years. This has been the basis upon which preference in accommodations has been accorded to departments at national conventions held in this country.

It is planned to allocate to each State definite space of various grades on steamships and definite



proportionate accommodations in Paris. This plan will insure that delegates and alternates to the Legion, the Auxiliary and the Forty and Eight conventions will be provided for, and it will insure that no department obtains an unfair advantage over other departments.

IT IS expected that the steamships assigned to each department will be announced several weeks from now. Reservations, however, will not be accepted until November 15, 1926, following the 1926 national convention in Philadelphia. Each department will have the opportunity of filling its quota up to March 15, 1927. After this date reservation lists will be thrown open and department quotas remaining unfilled may be divided among those departments which have submitted applications exceeding their quotas. The final date for accepting reservations will be May 15, 1927. The French government, which is co-operating with the Legion's national committee, has insisted that a four-month period elapse between the final reservation date and the date of the convention, so that adequate housing arrangements may be perfected in Paris.

It is expected, therefore, that each State will know on May 15, 1927, exactly how many persons it will send and the exact type of steamship and housing accommodations its delegation will have.

These practical questions naturally hold the main interest of those who have already made their plans to go. But there are other questions.

First of all—why? Why go to France to hold an American Legion Convention?

Well, out of the muck of war was born an ideal—the doctrine of service to comrades, living, disabled and dead. In less than a decade it has been proved that even in a materialistic world there is room for idealism. The American Legion, born in France, out of death and suffering, has proved the justice of its existence. What is more fitting than that The American Legion should celebrate the tenth anniversary of the entrance of the United States in

the World War and the creation of the A. E. F. by journeying back to France—to the graves of our comrade-dead and the scenes of the conflict that gave birth to the Legion? Is there a man in the Legion or a woman in the Auxiliary who has not



a relative, or a friend—a buddy—buried somewhere in France? For nearly ten years he has lain in his last resting place, far from his home. The tears of France have kept his grave fresh and un-forgotten. Comparatively few of the thousands of American tourists visiting France annually have given the thought or taken the time to visit those graves. Time dims the memories of the unforgettable days of '17 and '18. One of the very pillars on which the Legion is built is the belief that we as an organization should honor the memory of our departed buddies, and in what way can we better fulfill this obligation and set a more inspiring example to the entire nation than by this sacred pilgrimage to their graves?



Just as the old home constantly tugs at the heart of the wanderer, because in that beloved place were spent his most memorable days, even so does the veteran of the World War yearn to see again the places which he can never forget. Brest! The Argonne! Château-Thierry! Belleau Wood! Paris! The little villages through which we marched so wearily, and the billet where a handful of straw felt like a feather bed. The awakening of memories. The revival of the old A. E. F. spirit. The thrill of re-living the scenes of war. Doesn't it pull you? Don't you hear it calling?

AND yet another reason. We will go to France as the welcome guests of that great republic, and this friendly, neighborly visit will do more to cement international good-will and promote permanent peace than any other means which could be devised.

Premier Briand of France wrote to the Legion upon learning of its acceptance of France's invitation: "France is happy indeed to learn that the American soldiers of the Great War desire to revisit our soil forever consecrated with the blood and bodies of the heroic American dead. . . . The Legionnaires will receive here, upon their return to France, the very warmest welcome expressive of our undying gratitude, and everything possible to make their reunion here a complete success will be gladly done by the French government and the people of France."

Perish the thought that this jaunt across the great water will cost beaucoup francs. Never before has

anyone been able—and, we believe, never again will he be able—to make such a trip in such surroundings for so little money.

Although the final specific rates have not yet been determined, it has been possible to approximate the cost so that Legionnaires can begin at once to lay aside their money in order to finance their trip.

THE railroads in this country have agreed to allow round-trip tickets to and from the port of embarkation for the price of a single fare. This represents an enormous saving—probably aggregating half a million dollars for Legionnaires and their families. The reduced rate round-trip tickets will be sold only to those presenting Legion authorization certificates. The return-trip coupon of the American railroad tickets will be good only up to December 1, 1927, so that those wishing to return after that date will have to pay additional fare. Passengers must use the same railroad route, going and returning, in the United States. They must also sail from and return to the same port in this country, using ships of the same line for the going and returning ocean voyages. Only round-trip steamship tickets will be sold.

Furthermore, instead of all of us having to go to New York to sail, the committee has arranged to have large modern steamers, official ships of the Legion, sail from many different ports—for example, Montreal, Boston, New York, Hampton Roads, and Galveston or Houston. And if the traffic justifies it, and it proves feasible, the committee will try to arrange for additional ports. This means a big saving in time and railroad fare.

Naturally, it will be impossible to allow each Legionnaire to select the ship on which he will sail and the port from which he will depart. By time-honored custom, Legionnaires from any State go to national conventions in state groups, ordinarily on special trains. Hence a plan of assigning each State to a definite ship not only insures speedy and careful handling of the whole movement but also preserves State spirit.

Every imaginable economy has been foreseen and yet it is not the idea of the committee planning the trip to sacrifice the comforts of usual trans-Atlantic or European travel.



Negotiations are now being made with the French government and with the French railways to effect a reduction in rates similar to the reduction assured by American railways. It is expected that this will apply to conducted or independent side trips which may be taken in France as well as to the actual journey from the port of arrival to Paris and back.

Because of the careful planning and the economies effected, it is estimated that the trip may be taken for as little as \$175, including stateroom berth and all meals round-trip on large modern trans-Atlantic liners, railroad fare in France to and from Paris, lodging and breakfast for seven days in Paris and battlefields and cemetery pilgrimage. For the same length trip, with medium grade accommodations on steamers and in Paris, the estimate runs to \$325. For the same trip, but with the best grade accommodations on steamships and in Paris, the cost estimate is \$450.



Of course, the estimates given above do not include railroad fare in the United States nor any allowance for personal spending money on the trip. Naturally, you will want a few francs for your personal whims, but if you are willing to take the minimum grade accommodations throughout then put away \$300 for this invasion of foreign soil, and you can get by all right with everything—expenses and reasonable spending. Of course, if you want the medium grade or the best grade accommodations on steamer or in Paris, or if you want to stay over longer than the seven-day period, then you ought to salt away proportionately more money.

BETWEEN the \$175 minimum and \$450 maximum estimates, there will be many prices and grades of accommodations. Steamer plans and rate schedules showing all the various prices will be distributed later—probably about the time of the national convention at Philadelphia.

The committee will not undertake to provide luncheon or dinner in Paris, as events of the convention week would make it impracticable for Legionnaires to eat these meals at the same place each day. Most of them would, in any event, prefer eating in a different restaurant each day.

The estimates include the cost of a trip to one

battlefield and one cemetery. The national committee is arranging for standard one-day trips to cemeteries and battlefields in different sections of France, and each Legionnaire will be asked to state on his application for reservations his intention to visit the battlefields and cemeteries. He may, however, take one of the Legion-arranged trips or an independent battlefield trip apart from those provided. Many who expect to stay in France for considerable periods after the convention probably will make tours of the battlefields and cemeteries after the visits of convention week.

Now get the right idea of the accommodations on shipboard.

YOU have heard of first, second and third class passage. Well, on this trip you can forget class barriers. Large, luxurious liners will be placed at our disposal, some belonging to the United States Lines, others of foreign lines, but all of them offering the comforts of good hotels, food that is prepared by the finest chefs and in every way the same service that is given the passenger who ordinarily would pay much more than it will cost you. For example, in the finest hotels in our country you can obtain rooms which are not the most expensive. Although the portly gentleman who sits beside you in the lobby may pay a king's ransom for his suite, he doesn't outrank you.

You may prefer to eat in the lunch-room of that same hotel, but you are entitled to all the privileges extended to guests just as surely as though you ate in the more expensive main dining room. That's the idea exactly. On this trip you can go in a large stateroom, splendidly located, at one price, or you can go in a smaller room, with fewer frills and not so well located, for a lower price. And if you're real ritzy and care to pay the piper—well, there are some staterooms with private baths. You can eat your meals from a menu half as large as a newspaper, or you can use a smaller variety for a smaller cost. But remember, both menus are prepared from the best food, well cooked, and cleanly

served. So pay your money and take your choice. You can sit, stand or roam anywhere on the ship without hearing that old familiar "You can't stand there, soldier." Instead of the slum slapped on your mess kit, even the cheap-



est rate will include individual service in bright, attractive dining salons by trained, attentive stewards, and between meals you may sit on the broad decks, stretched out in a luxurious steamer chair, and have the steward bring you tea or some other delicacy. Not much like the other A. E. F., is it? Ah—but the memories it will bring back!

There will be dancing in luxurious ball rooms and on moonlit decks, teas and parties for and by the ladies in the various salons; there will be all kinds of athletics and games for the men, and something doing every minute of the journey. Only the Legion party will be passengers on these ships, and no matter where you live on shipboard, you rank just as high as any other buddy on the ship—even those who have the private bawths.

How about billets in Paris? If you are thinking of the stable you used to sleep in on your last trip to France, forget it, buddy, for Paris has numerous hotels ranging all the way from Classes A to Z, and all available accommodations have been secured and will be held for the Legion party. The committee is arranging to secure as many accommodations as possible in the private homes of Paris as well as in the hotels. It is difficult to give an exact idea of just the type of accommodations to be had for the minimum figure named, but you may rest assured that all billets will be clean and respectable.

THROUGH the French government, all hotel and pension space in Paris has been reserved. Consequently, no individuals will be able to obtain space except through the Legion committee. However, any Legionnaire who can arrange to stay with relatives or friends in or near Paris may do so, and those doing this will be given a reduction in the price of their complete Legion ticket.

The requirements for the Second A. E. F. are less stringent than those of the first. Flat feet, weak eyes, murmuring hearts or ingrowing nails won't keep you out. Yet the Legion party constituting this Second A. E. F. is going to be exclusive, too. This is a Legion undertaking and it has to be kept in the hands of the Legion all the way. Only those who are paid up members of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary in



1926 and 1927 will be eligible. The rule will not permit one to become eligible by paying for both years in 1927.

Of course, two-year membership in the Auxiliary provides the answer for mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters. Space is limited and will all be needed for bona fide members. Minor children and grandchildren may accompany their parents, if space permits.

REMEMBER the time you got a twenty-four hour leave and wormed your way into Paris—confronting hardfaced MP's at every corner, and barely escaping the brig because you had your pass in your other pocket or overstayed your leave? None of that on this trip. High officials and state dignitaries will meet us with bands and flying colors. The city of Paris will be ours. There will be plenty of lights—bright lights instead of darkness and the



constant danger of the air-raids. But there will be on duty the snappiest outfit that ever hit Paris—The American Legion Guard of Honor. These men—specially chosen to represent the various departments—will not interfere with the proper enjoyment of gay Paree,

but they will be rough on any birds with sandpaper collars.

The formal Legion convention sessions and ceremonies will be held in the Grand Palais, by courtesy of the French government. This is the largest auditorium building in Paris, with a capacity of about fifteen thousand. The informal convention sessions will be held on the Paris Boulevards—capacity unlimited. The National Promenade of the 40 and 8 and the Auxiliary's convention will be held in suitable auditoriums. There will be entertainments galore, formal receptions, balls, parades, theatre parties, with high French officials adding lustre and dignity to the occasions. Every doughboy will be a general, every gob an admiral.

There will be a mammoth parade that will overshadow any parade ever held anywhere. Picture it! With a flare of bands and drum corps, French and American, and with flying colors, the Legion hosts will come down the Grand Boulevards and march proudly along the Champs Elysees, that stately thoroughfare which has heard the tramp of thousands of historic parades. None more historic,

none more significant, none more colorful than this. Then the seemingly endless column will pass by the Arc de Triomphe. Yonder in the reviewing stand will be world-famous figures, the Allied leaders; among them Marshal Foch and our own General Pershing. What a privilege to be reviewed by such an assemblage, and what a privilege for them to review such a parade as this will be. Don't let anything happen to make you miss that parade. You can bet that nothing short of death or broken legs will keep la belle mademoiselle away from it.

Although the convention trip proper is to consist of seven days in Paris, including pilgrimage to the battlefields and cemeteries and then return, a number of side trips have been planned, so that those who want to spend a longer time in Europe may do so at the lowest possible cost. The itinerary of these side trips, ranging from one to six weeks, together with information about the prices, will be published later in the Weekly. Of course, the individual can make his own side-trip arrangements, if he chooses.

At the end of the convention week, the official ships will start back home and the demobilization of the Second A. E. F. will begin promptly when the ships reach port in this country. Arrangements are being made to designate other official ships which will leave at intervals, probably a week apart, for the benefit of those who have the time, the inclination and the wherewithal to stay longer. Only Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will be allowed on these official ships, so that you may be assured of your own gang, over and back. The only restrictions placed on the passage of Legionnaires is that they sail on those ships which are official Legior ships, and under the territorial regulations to be announced by the committee. The reason for this is obvious. In return for the privilege of excluding other passengers from Legion ships, we, in turn, agree that members of this pilgrimage would take passage only in these official ships. Those who wish to extend their stay in Europe beyond the date of the return sailing of the last official ship may exchange their return steamer coupon for regular passage on some later ship of the same line.

When you went over with the First A. E. F. you didn't need a passport. You had a number



hung around your neck. In peacetime you do need a passport—and it must be vised, and all this costs a lot of money. But you will not need a passport for the Second A. E. F. The committee will issue Legion Convention Certificates to those traveling on official ships, and these Certificates will be accepted without visa charge in practically all European countries. All this for only one dollar.

DEPARTURES of steamers from American ports will be scheduled so that all will arrive in French ports at approximately the same time. The time for the voyage will depend on the speed of the ship and the port of departure. It is estimated that the total time needed for the trip over and back, including seven days in Paris, will for most Legionnaires be from twenty-three to twenty-seven days. For Legionnaires sailing from Gulf ports it probably will be thirty to thirty-five days.

Many Legionnaires have made plans to take their automobiles with them to France. They may do so at some extra cost by complying with the regulations prescribed by the French government, the most important being the requirement of a bond equal to the value of the machine to prevent its unauthorized sale in France. Any local branch of the American Automobile Association can give full information concerning the regulations which must be complied with.

September, 1927, may seem a long way off, but don't wait another day to start making this trip possible. Unless you are one of those plutocrats who can dash off a check for the price of the trip without a quiver, now is the time to start putting aside a few dollars every week. In this highly efficient day of budgets and simplified saving there are few who have a great deal of ready money right at hand. No matter how large your income may be, you had better set aside a few dollars every week in a special place, possibly with a placard

attached, "Don't open until September, 1927."

The best way to be sure of getting in under the wire is to find out from your Post Commander or Adjutant which bank in your town is the official American Legion Savings

Club. These authorized clubs are permitted to use, free of charge, the unique Travel Transfer Certificate Plan, originated by John J. Wicker, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, for which plan and



certificates copyright and patent have been applied for. This plan keeps your money in the local bank and permits you to get interest on it even after your money is put up for reservation.

If you haven't joined an official club already, join now. Put a regular amount of money in every week—and don't touch it. Let it stay. Then when the gang walks up the gangplank you will be there—and you'll feel as though the trip hasn't cost you a cent.

NATURALLY, in order to make the pilgrimage, you will have to save time as well as money before the Autumn of 1927. Even if you happen to be master of all your affairs, this consideration is an important one; and if you, like most of those who will make the trip, have to make all your plans contingent upon the demands and requirements of business or whatever you do in the daily work of the world, then the time element is overwhelmingly important in any vacation plans you may make.

The custom of taking a two weeks vacation each year is observed rather uniformly throughout the United States. But companies employing large numbers of persons are not always able to grant extensions beyond the two weeks period or to permit employes to choose the exact period when they will be away. Fortunately, the Paris convention will be held in a month which corresponds to the closing of the standard American vacation season. This fact will operate in favor of those who can postpone their 1927 vacation until most of their fellow workers have returned from absences.

In any event, it will be wise for everyone to make 1927 vacation-period arrangements in 1926. Many men will be able to obtain double periods in 1927 by foregoing their vacations in 1926. Others may be able to make suitable arrangements to obtain the extended period necessary in 1927 by discussing their problem frankly with the man higher up in plenty of time to permit plans to be made for the period of absence.

Suppose you plan to go, and you save your money and then something prevents your taking the trip? You'll miss the trip of your lifetime, but you'll have the money. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Fall in, buddy. Sign up and save for the Second A. E. F.!



If You Are Planning to Go to Paris, Keep These Main Points in Mind:

Who May Go —Members of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary in good standing (with dues fully paid up) for both the years 1927 and 1926. The National Committee estimates it can make arrangements for 15,000 persons. Each state will be assigned a quota of the number of its members for whom the National Committee will provide travel and housing accommodations.

Time Required —For most, the trip over and back and seven days in Paris will require from twenty-three to twenty-seven days. Those sailing from Gulf ports may estimate thirty to thirty-five days.

Expenses —Rock-bottom costs for minimum-grade accommodations throughout are estimated at \$175, not including railway fare in the United States. The National Committee recommends that anyone expecting to make the trip at lowest cost possible save at least \$300 to allow for incidentals and spending money. For the trip with best grade of accommodations throughout, the estimate is \$450. Between minimum and maximum cost estimates are many prices and grades of accommodations.

Travel —American railroads have agreed to grant round-trip tickets at price of a single fare, return coupon good up to December 1, 1927. Proportionate reductions are expected from the French railways. Ocean travel will be on official Legion ships, on which class barriers will not prevail.

Housing —By arrangement with the French Government, the National Committee has reserved for distribution among the department delegations all the available hotel and pension accommodations in Paris. Department delegations will be assigned accommodations on a priority system determined by membership standing, the same system which governs allocation of hotel accommodations at national conventions held in this country.

Savings —American Legion Savings Clubs are being established in towns and cities with the co-operation of banks, so that by putting aside a small sum each week any member may accumulate a fund sufficient to pay for the trip.

Reservations —Will not be accepted until after November 15, 1926.



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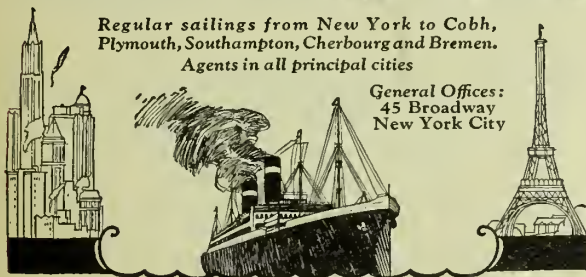
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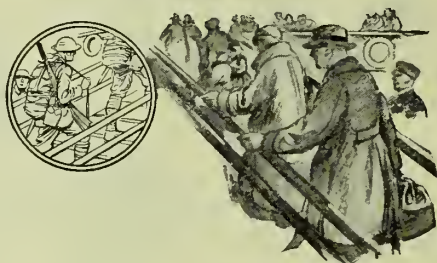
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will be given the opportunity to express to the world the ideal upon which the Legion is founded, that its members shall never forget our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice.

HENRY D. LINDSLEY.

IT IS indeed fitting that The American Legion should make a pilgrimage to the resting places of our comrades in France and to the scenes of their heroic deeds. The 1927 Convention affords this opportunity and those of us who can should take advantage of it. May the attendance there justify our French comrades' conception of our glorious organization.

JOHN G. EMERY.

THE proposed Legion pilgrimage to France has a tremendous appeal to all of us. It will, however, have no value except a sentimental one unless it is actually representative of every post of The American Legion.

It will give to France and to America a renewed and constructive understanding. It will carry the ambassadorial powers of the whole service man generation—a generation of growing importance in the nation's decisions.

HANFORD MACNIDER.

I FAVOR holding National Convention in Paris with low transportation rates, giving thousands of Legionnaires opportunity to visit France who otherwise could not go. We are the pilgrims to the birthplace of the Legion and battlefields sanctified by the heroism and blood of our comrades. There we shall renew our life pledge to our Legion and revel again in the glory of our Allied victory. In mass formation the Legion will advance on Paris.

ALVIN M. OWSLEY.

I BELIEVE the Paris Convention and the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries and battlefields will be the greatest thing The American Legion has done to revive and restore the keen appreciation of American citizenship that our comrades' sacrifice deserves. Let all Legionnaires co-operate to make this great pilgrimage the success it warrants.

JOHN R. QUINN.

THE general interest shown by Legionnaires all over the country in a National Convention in France, in 1927, with which would be featured a pilgrimage to the American Military Cemeteries and battlefields, prompted me last January to recommend to the National Executive Committee that a special committee be appointed to study and develop this important subject. Authority was given and a highly representative committee named. The National Convention at Omaha approved the project and gave complete and exclusive authority to this committee to carry on.

This will be the largest movement of its kind in history and it ought to accomplish great good. I do not share the apprehensions of some who have feared that upon this occasion many Legionnaires might be guilty of such misconduct as to bring shame upon our organization. I have always believed that with the proper arrangements and atmosphere surrounding the movement, the Legionnaires attending the Convention will realize that the honor of The American Legion, and, indeed, of our country, rests in their hands, and that they will conduct themselves accordingly. I am confident that the future will justify this confidence.

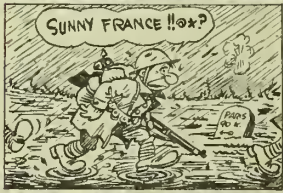
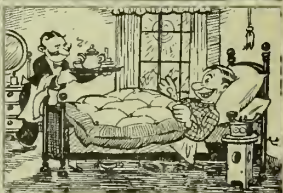
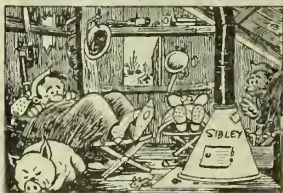
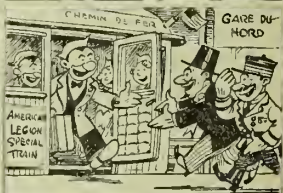
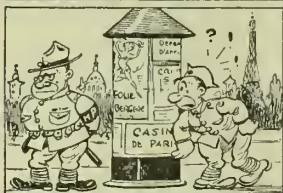
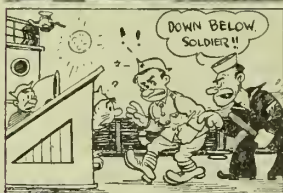
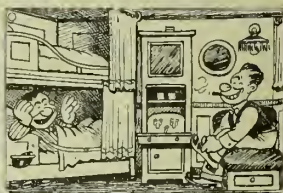
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